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May 6, 2009

Congressman Nathan Deal
9th District Georgia
2133 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-1010

Dear Congressman Deal:

This letter is to request SAFETEA-LU funding for the following: **\$700,000 for GATEWAY INITIATIVE: TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENTS FOR INTERCHANGES ALONG I-985 IN HALL COUNTY, GEORGIA.**

The Gateway Initiative is a public / private partnership to enhance the transportation interchanges on Interstate 985 in Hall County, Georgia. We are seeking funding in the amount of \$700,000 for the project. The initial planning has already been done with private funding. The project includes drought resistant landscaping, engineering and improvements to the I-985 corridor.

These environmental improvements will greatly enhance the image of this transportation gateway from Metro Atlanta to the North Georgia Mountains. These enhancements will further encourage cleanliness on the interstate and discourage litter...a clean and beautified interstate also promotes safety.

Hall County, our municipalities and private business are committed to the long term upkeep of these enhanced interchanges.

Thank you for consideration of this request.



Tom Oliver, Chairman
Hall County Board of Commissioners

CC: Russell McMurray, District 1 Engineer
Georgia Department of Transportation